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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.46

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/180 of 19 December 1991, 47/227 of 8 April 1993 and 48/207 of 21 December 1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research 1/ and the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on the activities of the Institute, 2/

Recognizing the growing importance and relevance of training within the United Nations and the new training requirements of all Member States,

Considering also the relevance of research activities related to training undertaken by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research within its mandate,

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1/ A/49/634.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/49/14).

Acknowledging the importance for the restructured Institute of continuing to develop closer relationships with relevant national and international institutions in industrialized and developing countries in order to enable the United Nations system to respond to training needs in the most cost-effective manner and in the best interest of all Member States,

Taking note with interest of the steps taken to complete the restructuring process of the Institute with a view to making it the dynamic training institution that it was originally intended to be,

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

2. Urges Member States to make voluntary contributions to the restructured Institute, in particular to its General Fund, so as to assure its viability, and the further development of its training programmes;

3. Reaffirms that the funding of all the administrative budget and the training programmes of the Institute shall be covered from voluntary contributions, donations, special-purpose grants and executing agency overheads;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide for the Institute in the future and retroactively since the move of its headquarters to Geneva at fair costs, based on the costs borne by the United Nations itself and ensuring an equal treatment with other United Nations entities, office space in Geneva, as well as administrative and logistic support;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide for the Institute at fair costs, based on the costs borne by the United Nations itself and ensuring an equal treatment with other United Nations entities, liaison office space in New York, and requests, within this context, the Board of Trustees to give the necessary attention to these matters with a view to avoiding any negative financial impact on the Institute;

6. Invites the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the United Nations and its funds and programmes, including the United Nations Development Programme, to develop and intensify their collaboration, with the aim of making the Institute an important provider of training and training-related research for the United Nations system and to avoid unnecessary duplication of work;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen, in accordance with their respective mandates, the cooperation between the Institute and other qualified national and international institutions, including the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization in Turin, Italy;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution.